

DECLARATION FOR A PATENT APPLICATION

I, Samuel Shiber, residing and having a mailing address at 365 Kearney Circle, Manchester, NH 03104, a **citizen of the United States**, hereby declare:

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Guidewire System With Exposed Midsection** in the attached application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, CFR, 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, USC, 120 of the prior US Patent applications listed below and I acknowledge my duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, CFR, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.



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DECLARATION CLAIMING INDEPENDENT INVENTOR STATUS

I, Samuel Shiber, hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent & Trademark Office in regard to the invention entitled **Guidewire System With Exposed Midsection** described in the enclosed specification.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and I am under no obligation under contract of law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under CFR 1.9(e).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due under the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28 (b)). I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.



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